Allotment of wheat and rice to states

1430. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) what was the allotment of rice and wheat statewise during the last 3 years and also the procurement of these two commodities statewise during the same period ; and

(b) whether it is a fact that there has been shortage of rice and wheat in the States; if not what are the reasons for wheat being imported ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI) : (a) Statement indicating allotment of rice and wheat to States/UTs during 1989. 1990 and 1991 is at Annexure-I

[*See* Appendix CLXII, Annexure No. 40]

Statement indicating Statewise procurement of rice and wheat during the marketing seasons of 1989-90, 1990-91 and 1991-92 is at Annexure-II.

[*See* Appendix CLXII Annexure No. 40]

(b) The Government have decided to import one million tonnes of wheat with a view to improve the availability of wheat and to contain open market prices.

Subsidy on Import of wheat

1431. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any offers of subsidy on import of wheat from certain countries;

(b) if so, which are those countries d the extent of subsidy offered by them; and

(c) the quantity of wheat in tonnes proposed to be imported

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI) : (a) to (c) The Government have recently decided to import one million tonnes of wheat. No contracts for import have, however, bed so far.

Distribution of flour through PDS

@1432. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that in lieu of wheat which is sold by the shops under Public Distribution System; flour will be supplied to consumers since February, 1992 ;

(b) if so, whether this change has been made on the demands of the consumers;

(c) whether Government are aware that consumers have not liked the proposed change; and if so, whether Government will revoke it ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI) : (a) The Central Government allocates wheat from the Central Pool to the State Govts./UTs for supply through the Public Distribution System. However, it is open to the State Govts./UTs to convert the wheat into atta and distribute it under the Public Distribution System.

(b) and (c) Since these matters fall within the purview of the State Governments/UTs, the Central Government has no information to furnish.

Increase in the prices of wheat and rice

@@1433. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:
SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY:
DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:
SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have recently increased the prices of some of the items like wheat, rice and sugar being distributed through the Fair Price Shops;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of times the prices of these items were increased during the last two years and the percentage of rise in success on each occasion;

@Previously Unstarred Question 426, transferred from 27th February, 1992.

@@Previously Unstarred Question 446, transferred from 27th February, 1992.